

# MiniBooNE and SciBooNE experiments, and their cross section analyses



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2. MiniBooNE detector
3. SciBooNE detector
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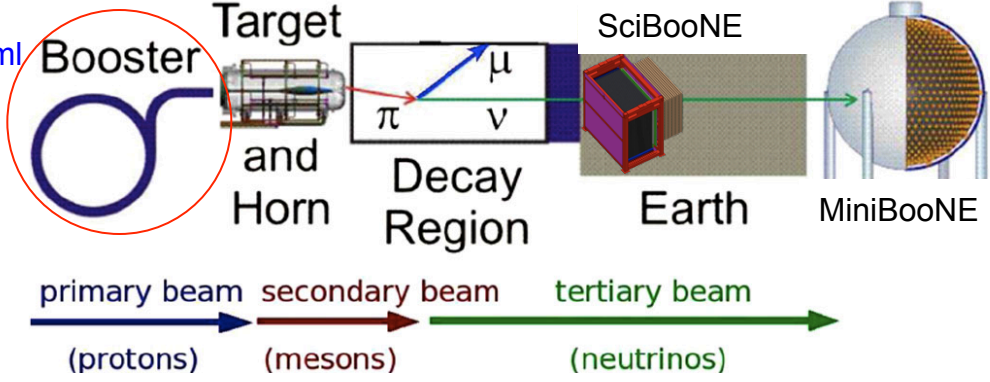
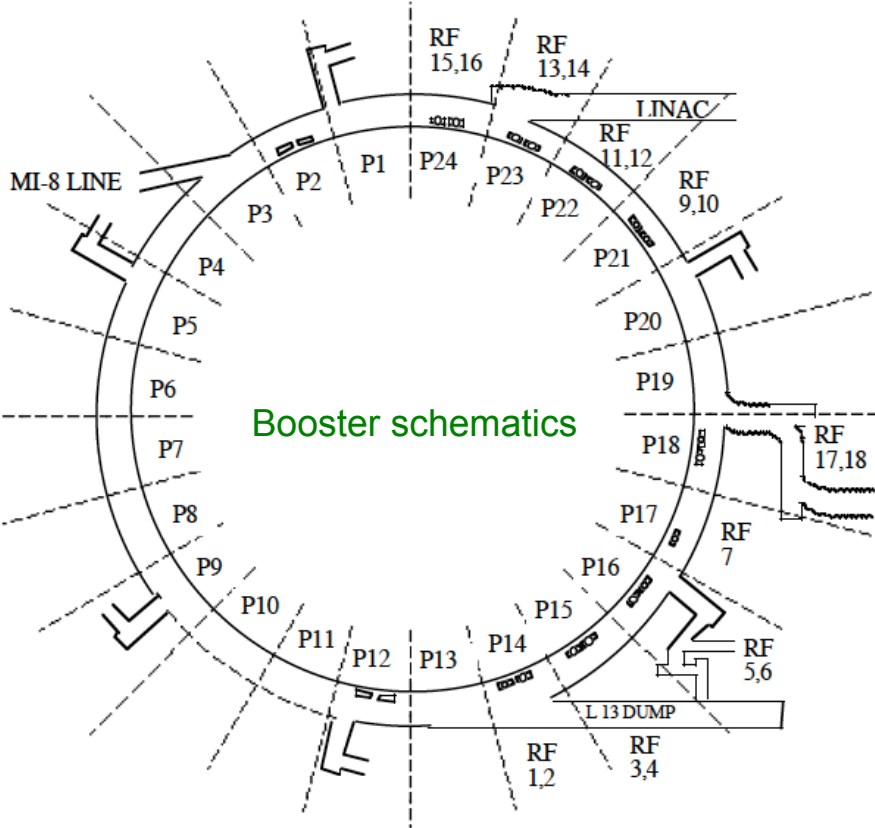
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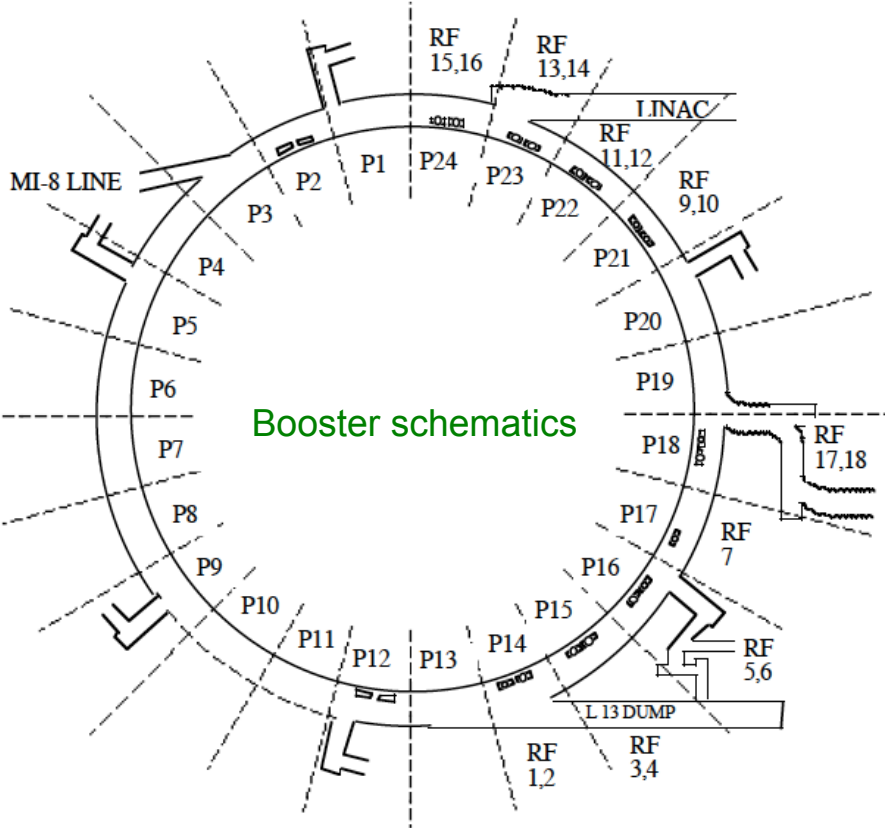




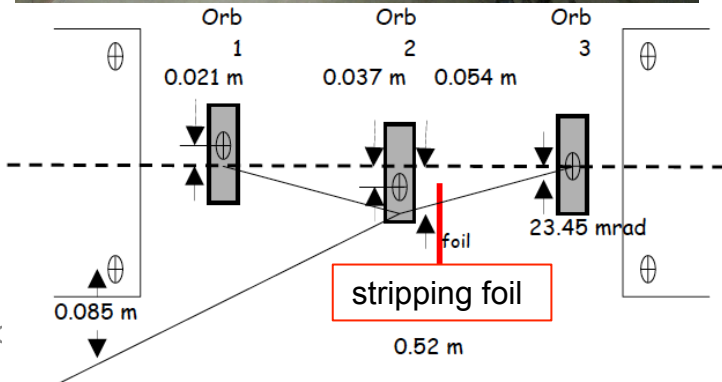
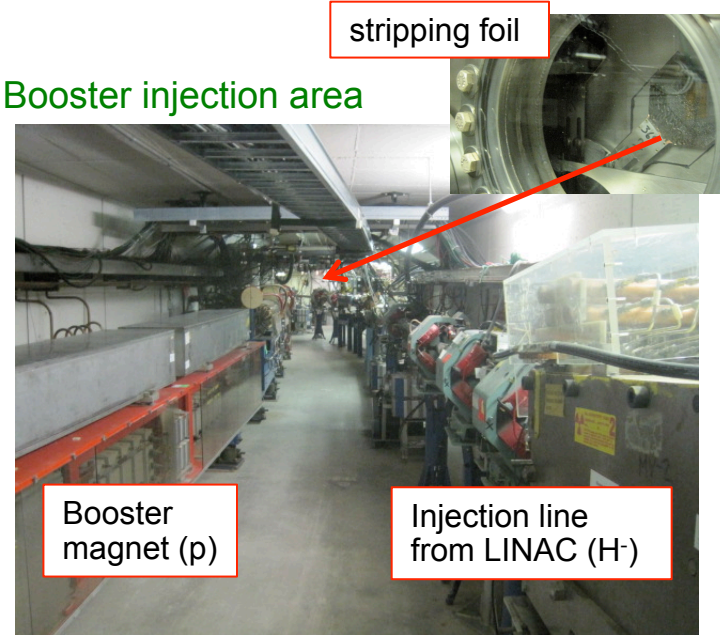
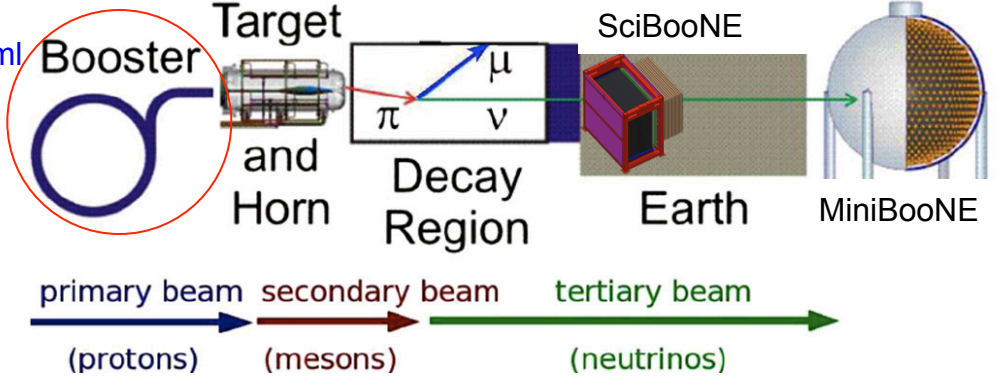
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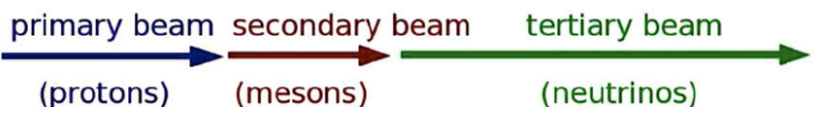
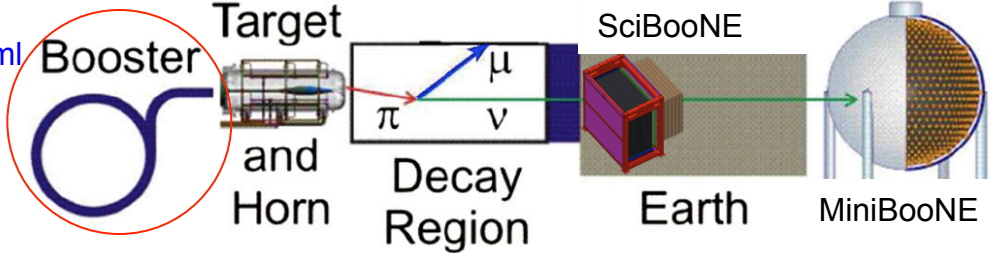




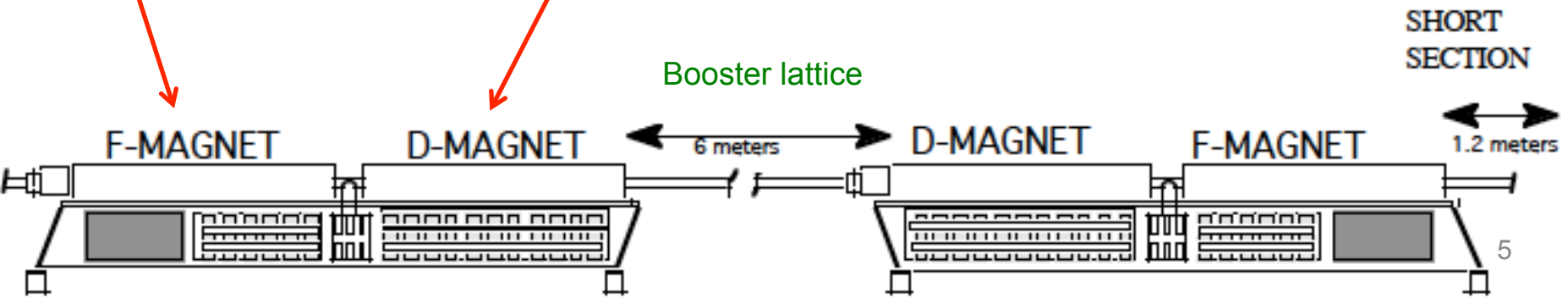
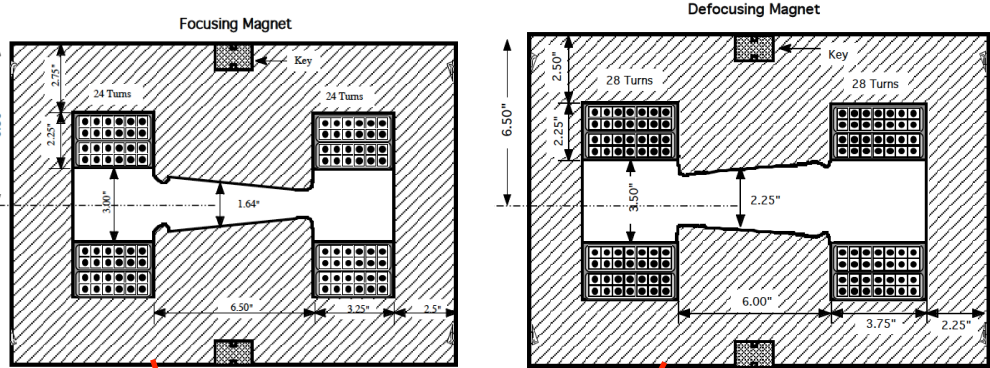
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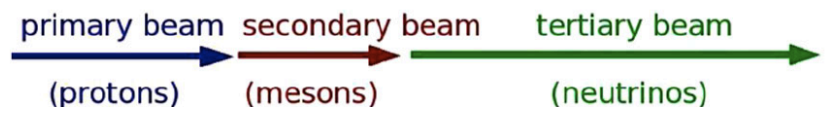
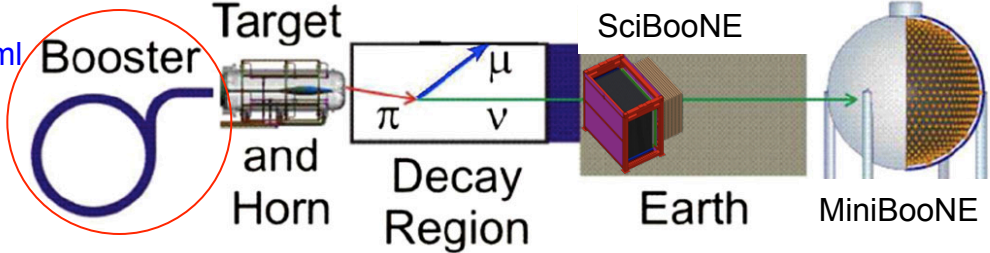
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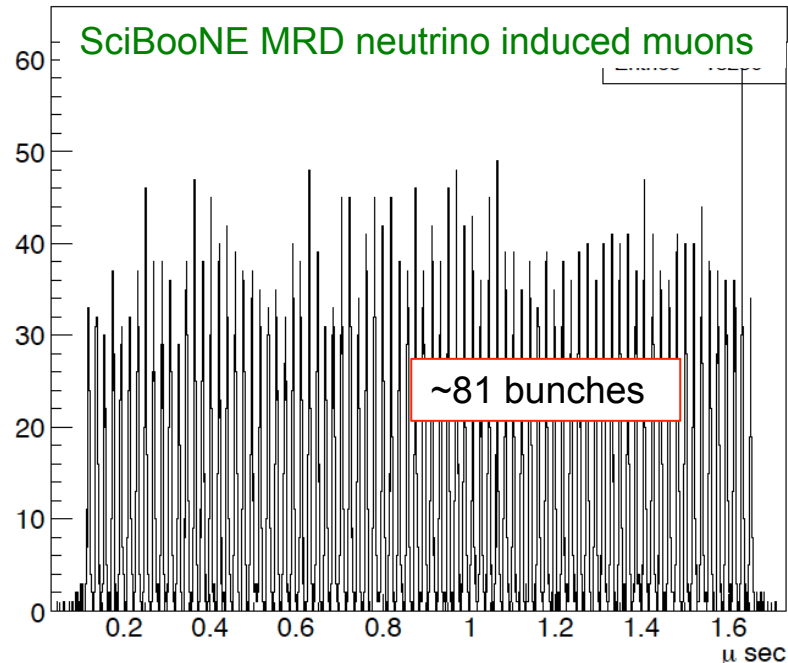
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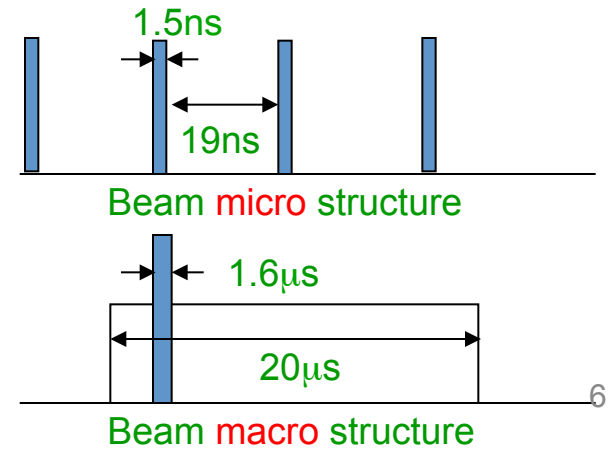
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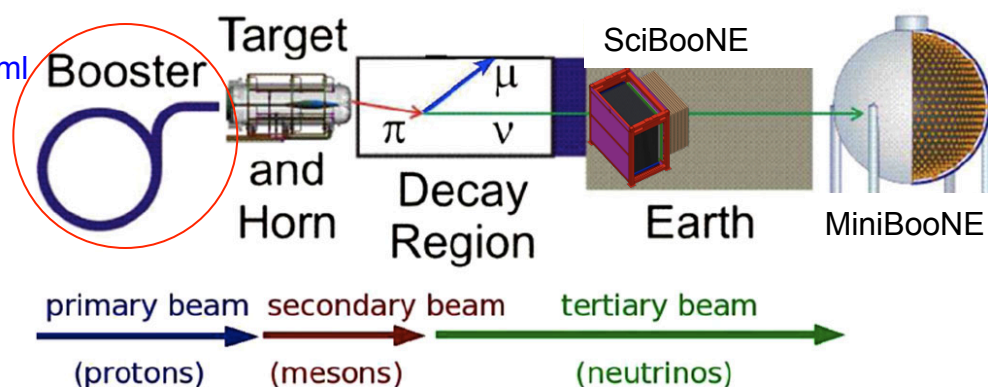
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- Nominal run,  $\sim 5$  spills fast extraction per second (5Hz)
- $5E12$  ppp (proton per pulse)
- POT is measured at 2 locations by toroids, one is official, other is cross check, and the difference of them is the **2% POT normalization error**





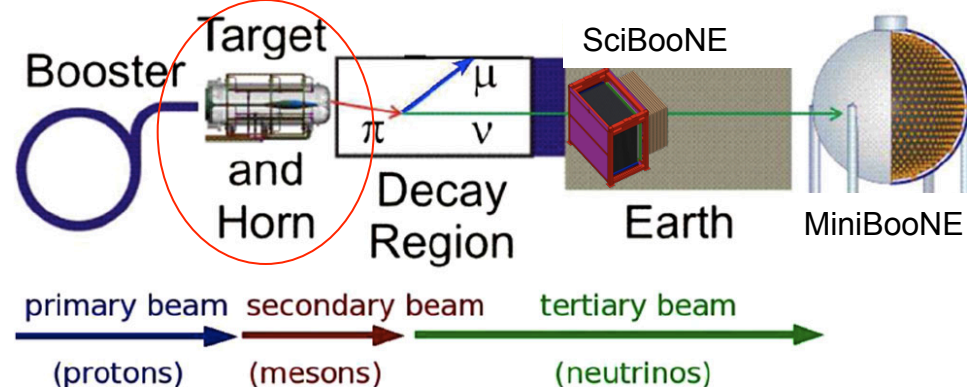
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## Target and magnetic horn

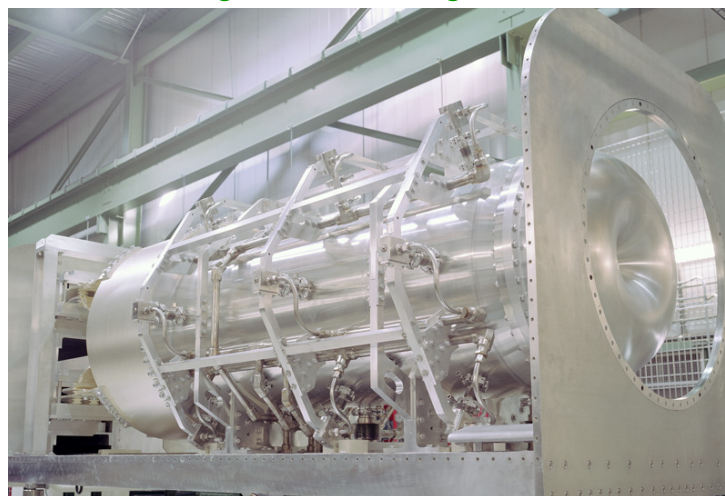
- Longest life time horns! (lower current?)
- Beryllium target (71 cm), 7 “slugs”
- Vibration of the horn is audible
- Magnetic focussing horn run at  $\sim 174\text{kA}$  (or  $-174\text{kA}$ )
- Surface current of the horn affect B-field distribution, hence secondary particle trajectory.

It affects not only normalization, but also shape of spectrum

- In total, beamline simulation (except meson production errors) makes  $\sim 4\text{-}8\%$  normalization and shape error



Magnetic focusing horn



Beryllium target



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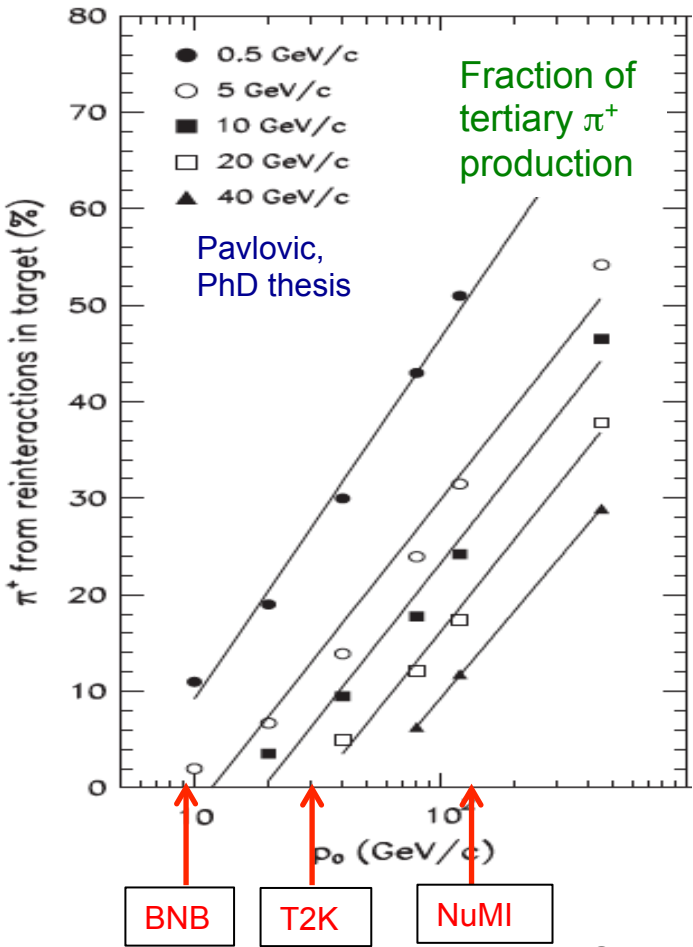
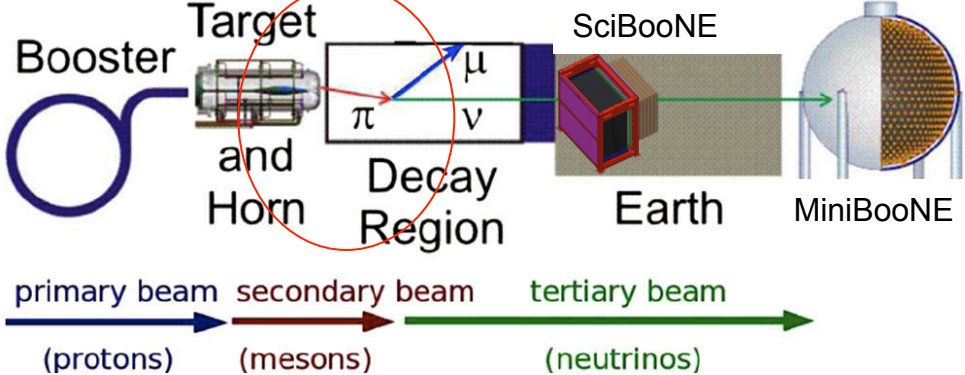
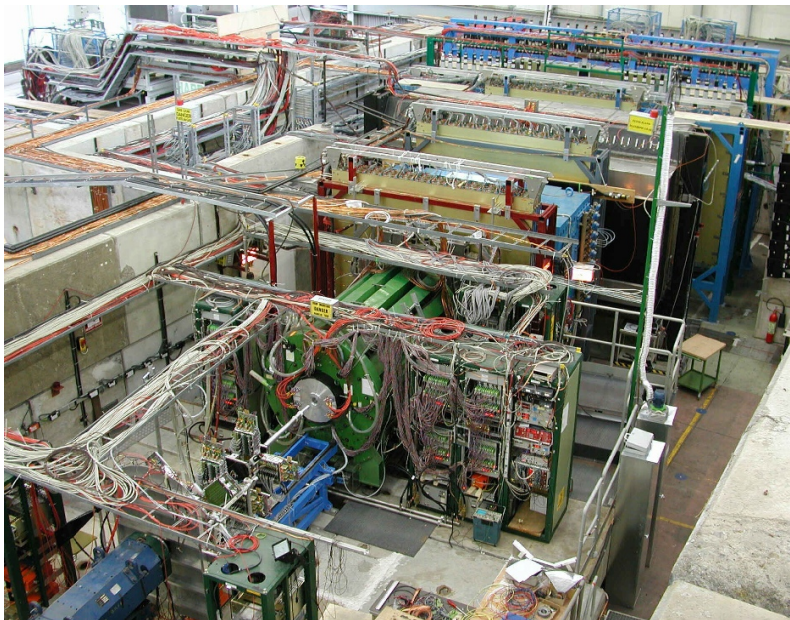
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(HARP thick target data is being analysed now by Athula Wickramasinghe, U-Cincinnati)

HARP experiment (CERN)

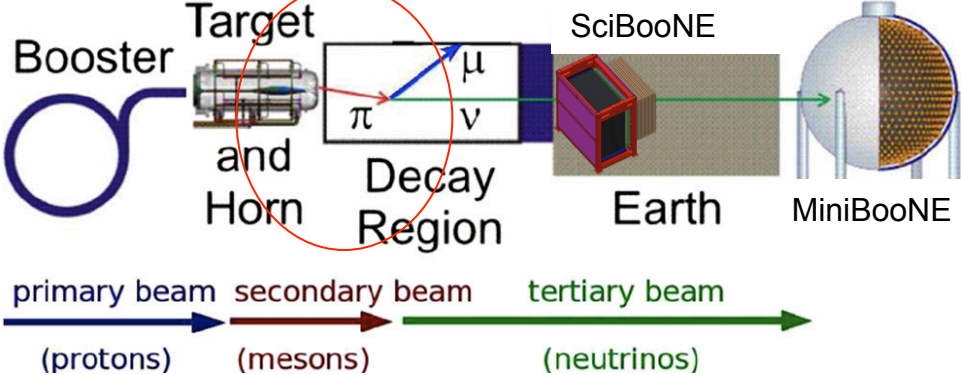
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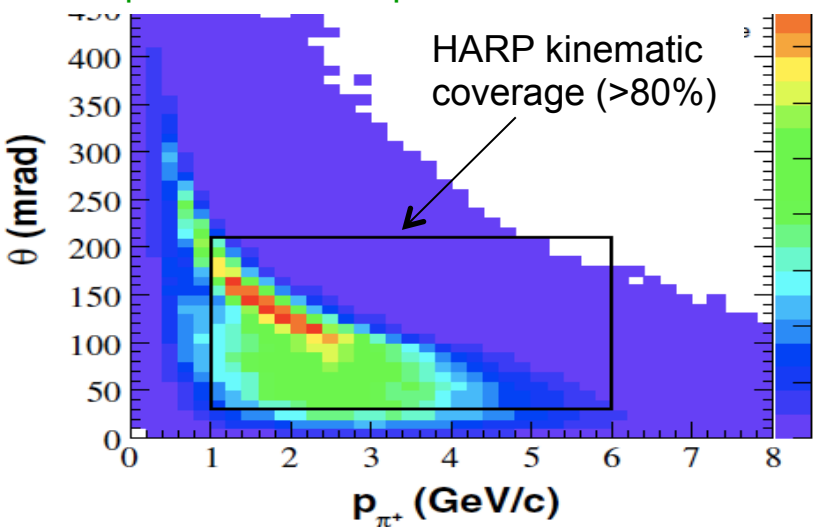
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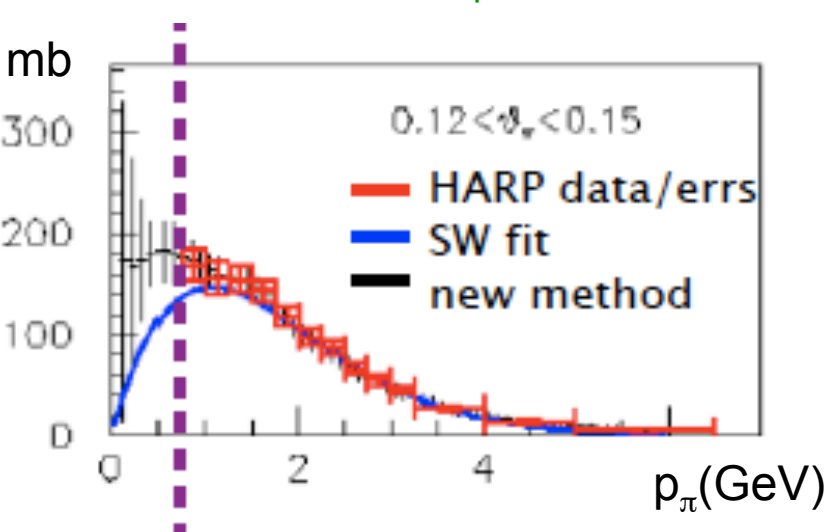
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## BNB pion kinematic space



## HARP data with 8.9 GeV/c proton beam



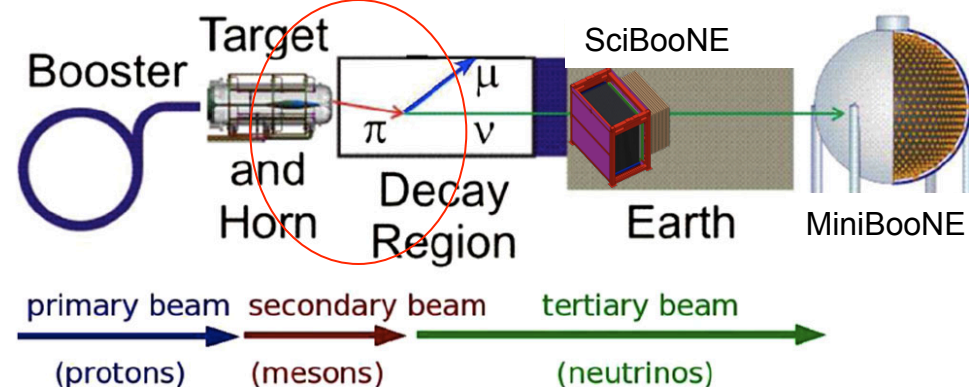


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More on beam systematics,  
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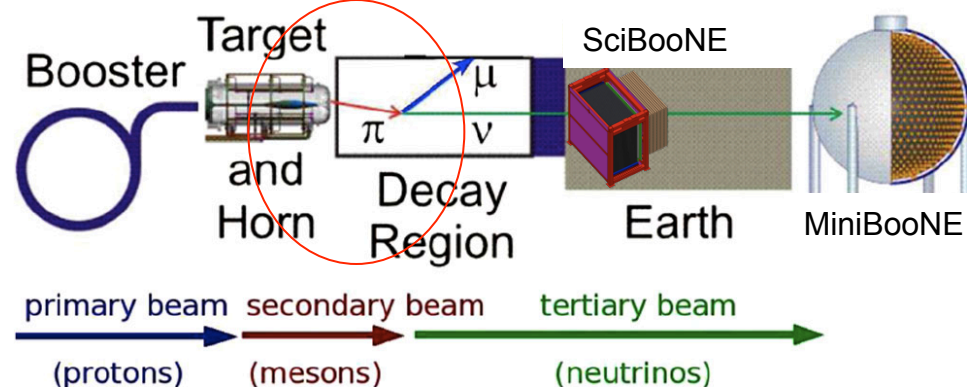
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## Anti-neutrino cross section measurement

- For anti-neutrino mode analysis, errors from neutrino contamination in anti-neutrino beam contribute additional ~5% normalization error through background subtraction



Anti-neutrino xs systematics,  
see Grange's talk on Thursday

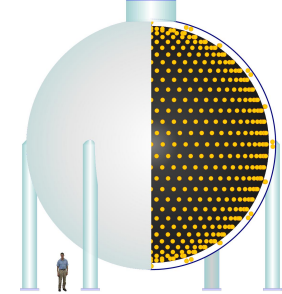
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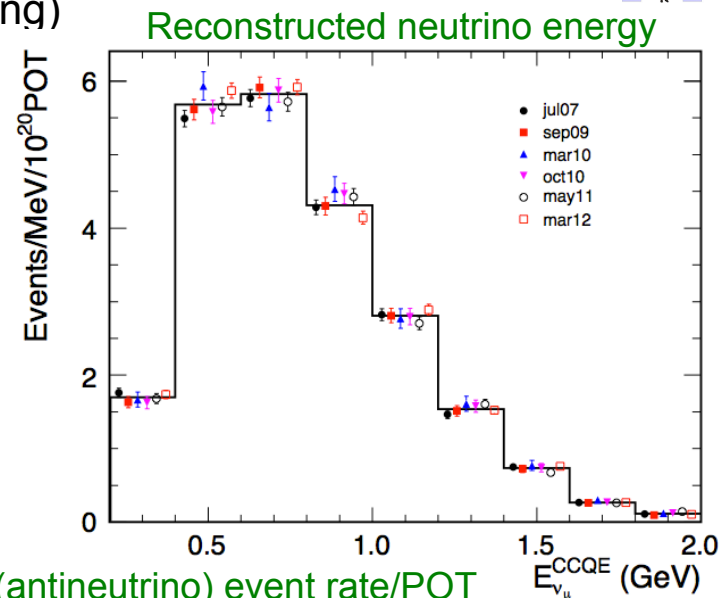
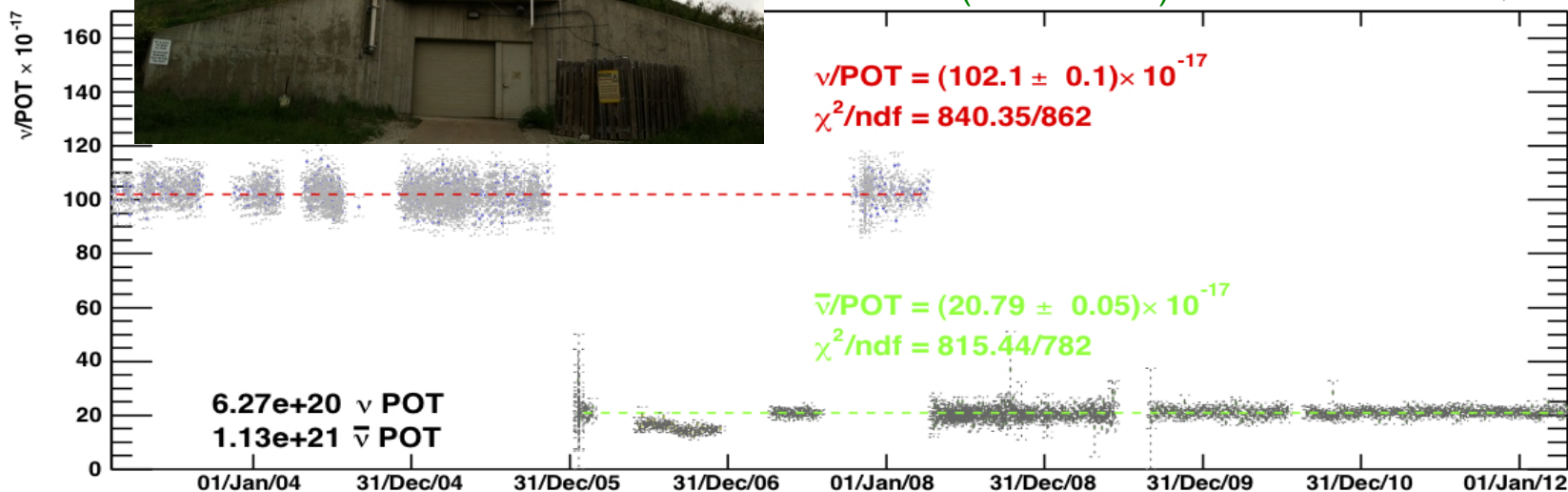


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MiniBooNE run is over!

- 2002 to 2012 (proposals prepared for further running)
- extremely stable running over 10 years
- energy scale is stable within 1%
- Neutrino rate is stable with 2%

Checkered flag on MiniBooNE detector hall

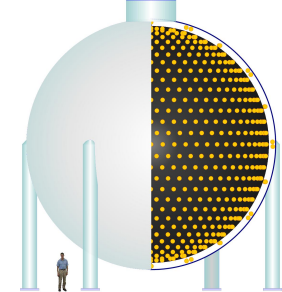
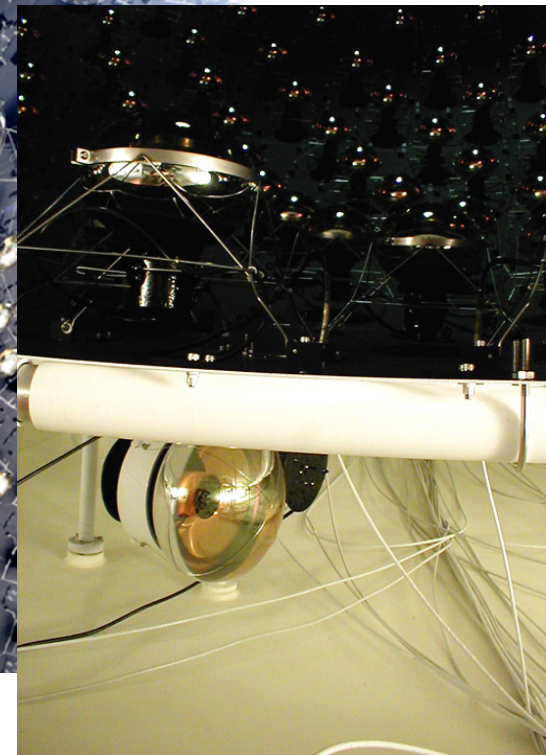
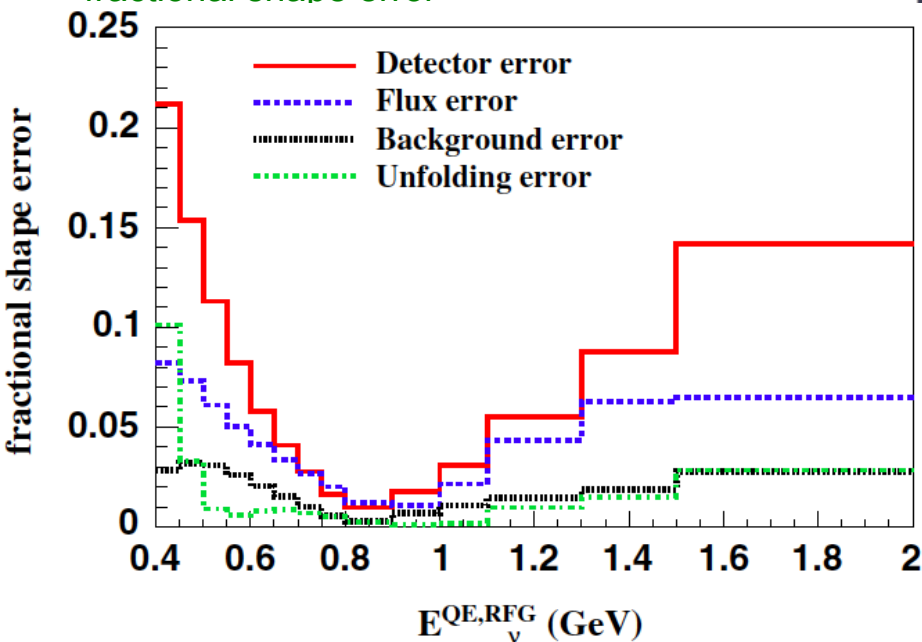


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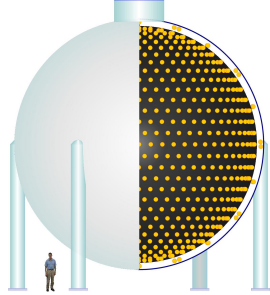
MiniBooNE, as a Cherenkov detector

- 12 m diameter spherical tank
- 800t of pure mineral oil (from Exxon)
- 1280 inner 8-inch PMTs
- 240 veto 8-inch PMTs
- Detector errors are small comparing with flux error,  
**total normalization error is 4-5%**
- But it has **large shape error**

CCQE flux-unfolded total cross section  
fractional shape error



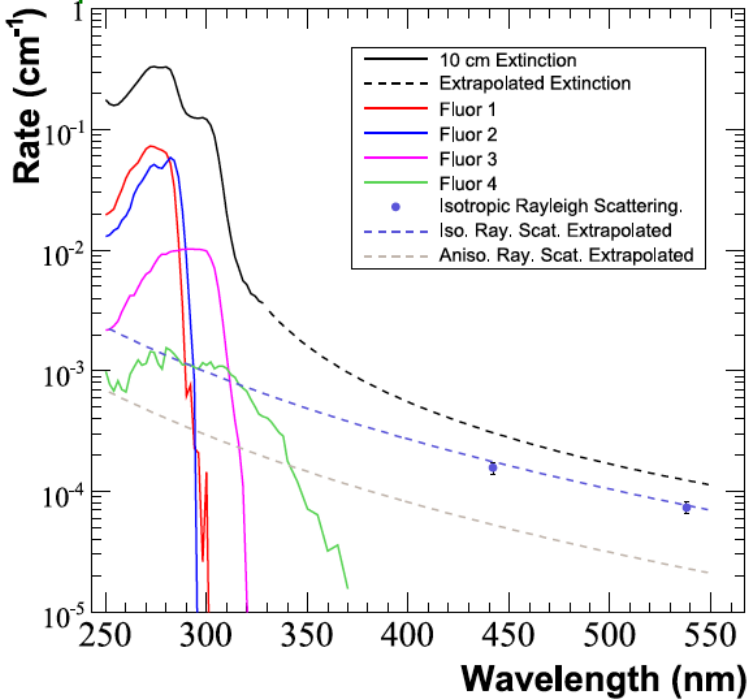
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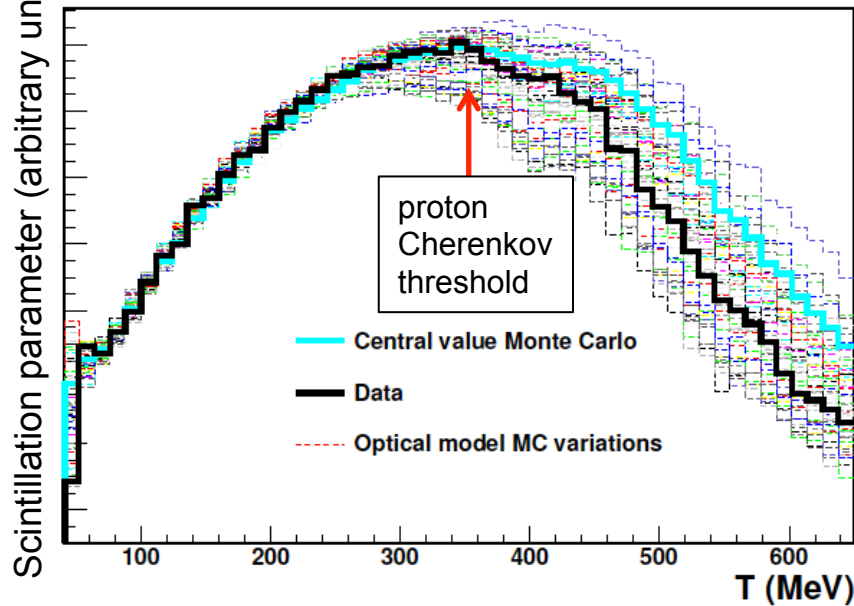
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Light extinction rate for each absorption spectrum in mineral oil

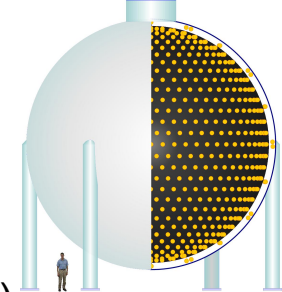


NC elastic scintillation light fraction with various light propagation models





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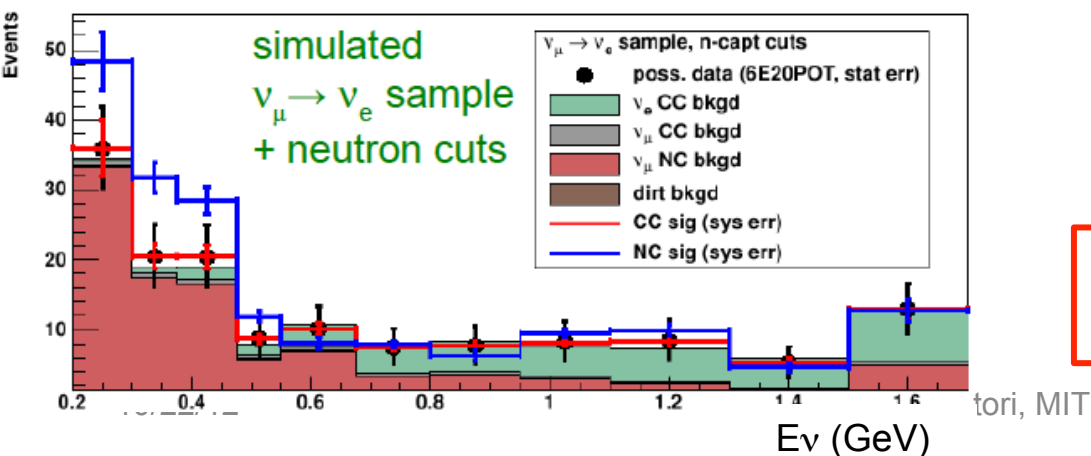
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### Adding scintillator in MiniBooNE detector?

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- Possible to detect 2.2MeV  $\gamma$  from neutron capture
- 300kg of PPO (\$75k) can do that

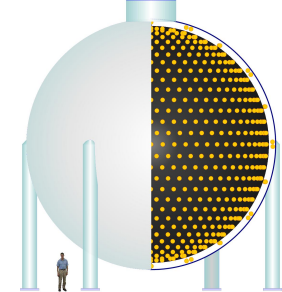
### Physics

- Improve NCEL measurement
- Can distinguish  $\nu_e$  CCQE from NC processes ( $\text{NC}\gamma$ ,  $\text{NC}\pi^0$ ) by neutron tagging
- $\nu_\mu + \text{C} \rightarrow \mu + \text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$  measurement by  $\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$   $\beta$ -decay
- $E_\nu$  reconstruction by total scintillation light



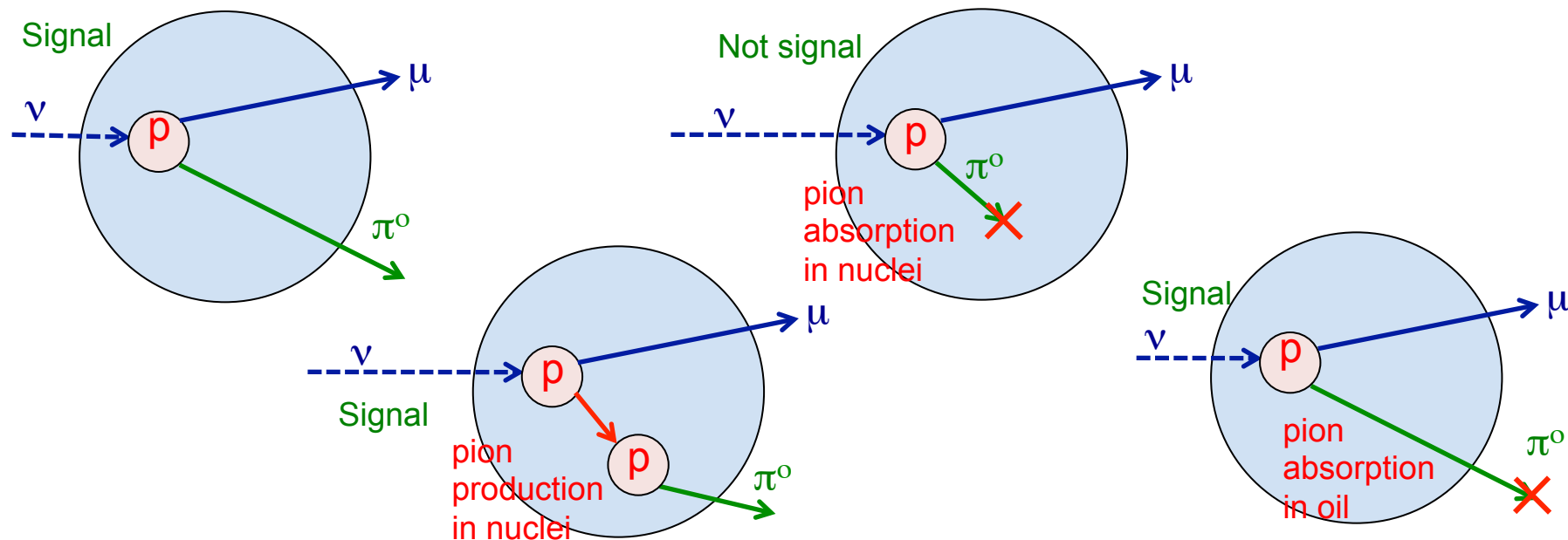
$E_\nu$  calibration by scintillation light,  
see Tzanov's talk on today

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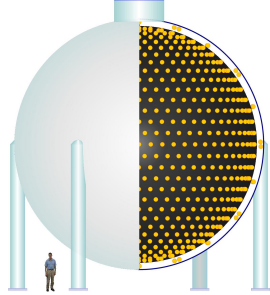


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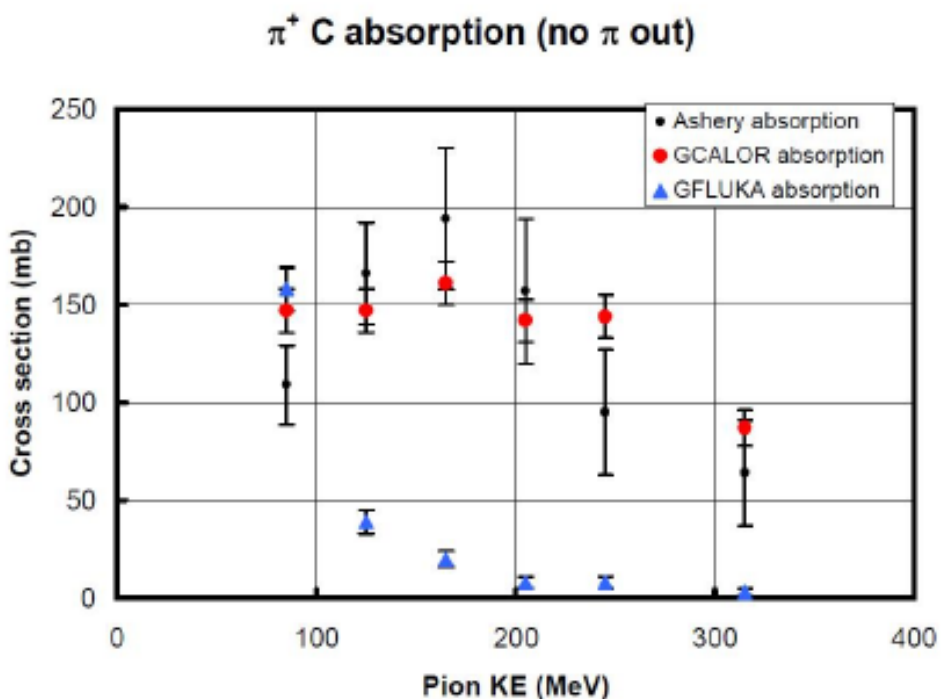


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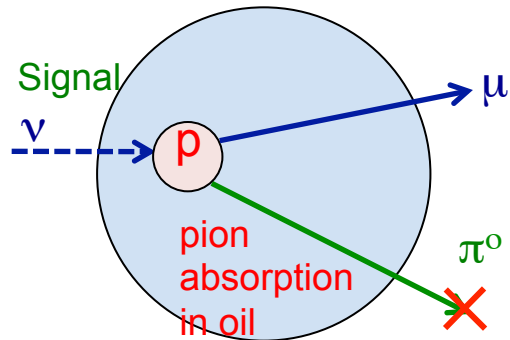
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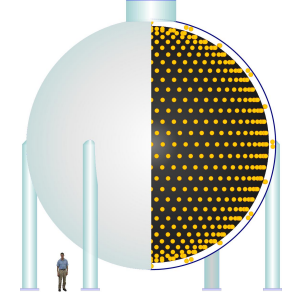


### GCALEOR-data comparison

- pion charge exchange in the detector  $\rightarrow$  50%
- pion absorption in the detector  $\rightarrow$  35%

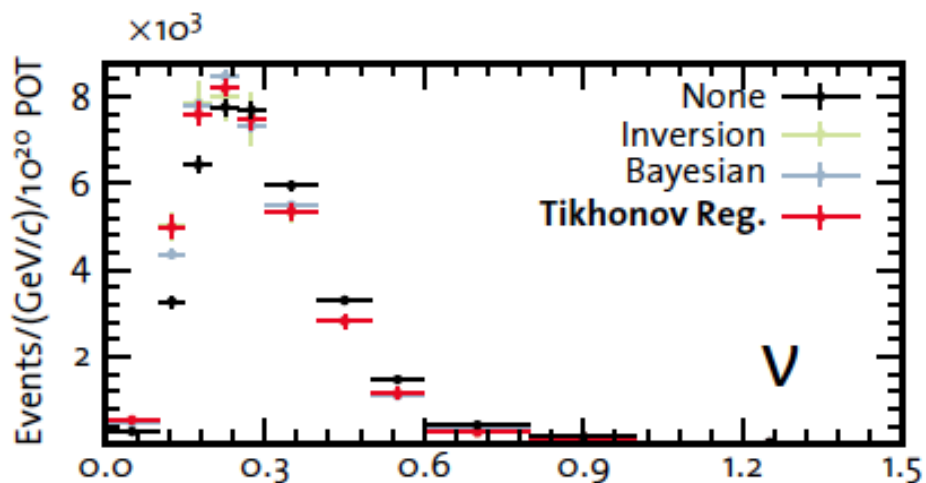


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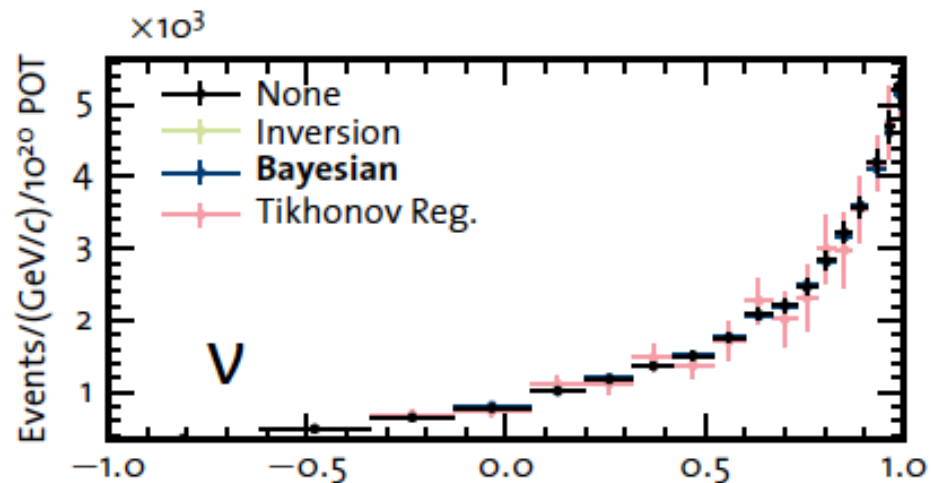


### MiniBooNE data unfolding error

- Extracted cross section depends how to unfold, hence there is **unfolding error**
- Most of MiniBooNE xs data rely on Iterative Bayesian unfolding method, which depends on cross section model, but model dependency is corrected by iterative process
- There is no perfect unfolding method (small bias doesn't mean better)



NC1 $\pi^0$  production momentum distribution (GeV/c)



NC1 $\pi^0$  production angular distribution



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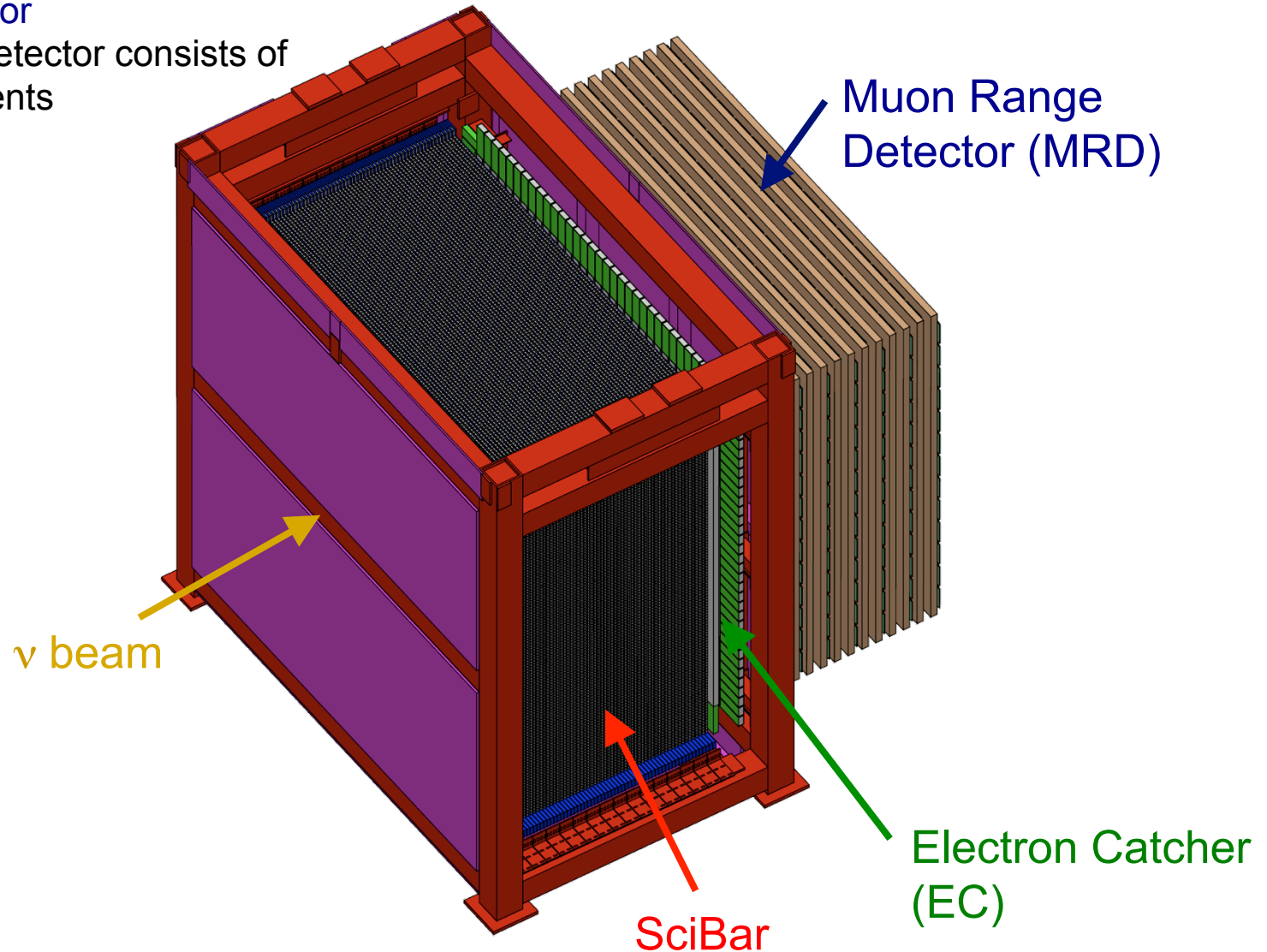
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#### SciBooNE detector

The SciBooNE detector consists of 3 major components



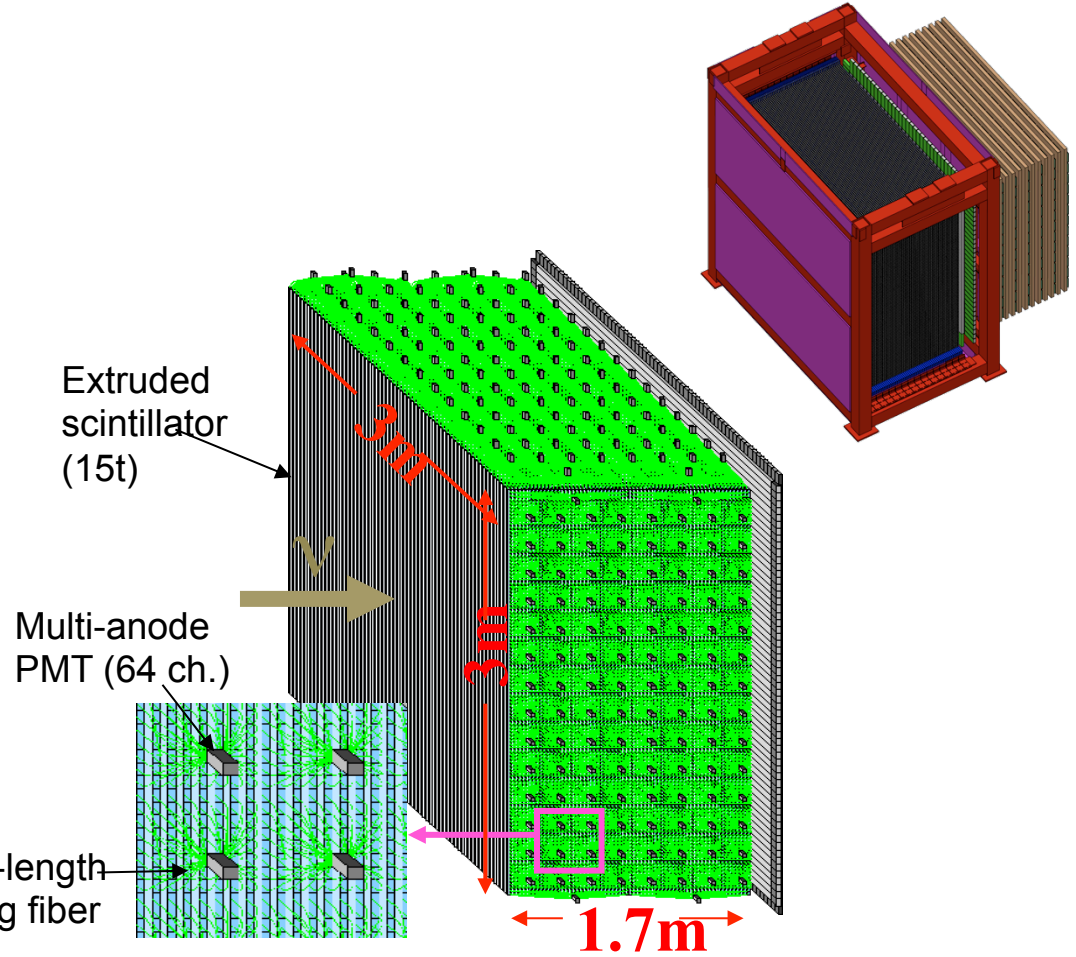
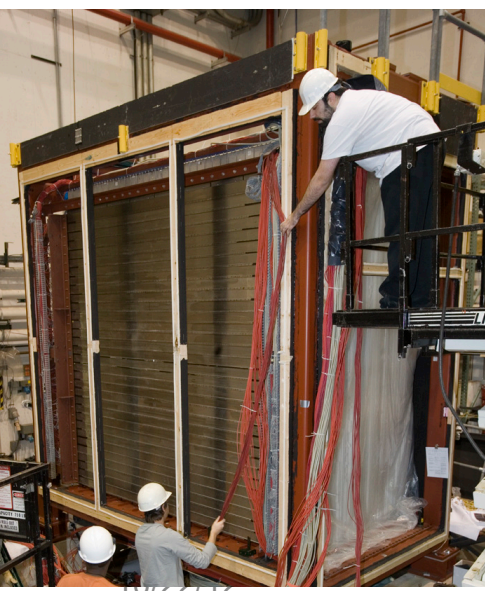
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## SciBar detector

- 14,366 channel X-Y tracker of extruded scintillators with WLS fiber readout by multi-anode PMT.

## Electron catcher (EC)

- 11 radiation length E&M calorimeter with scintillation fibers and lead foil.



## Muon Range Detector (MRD)

- Iron plates with X-Y scintillator panels
- measure the muon momentum up to 0.9GeV, with 10% resolution.





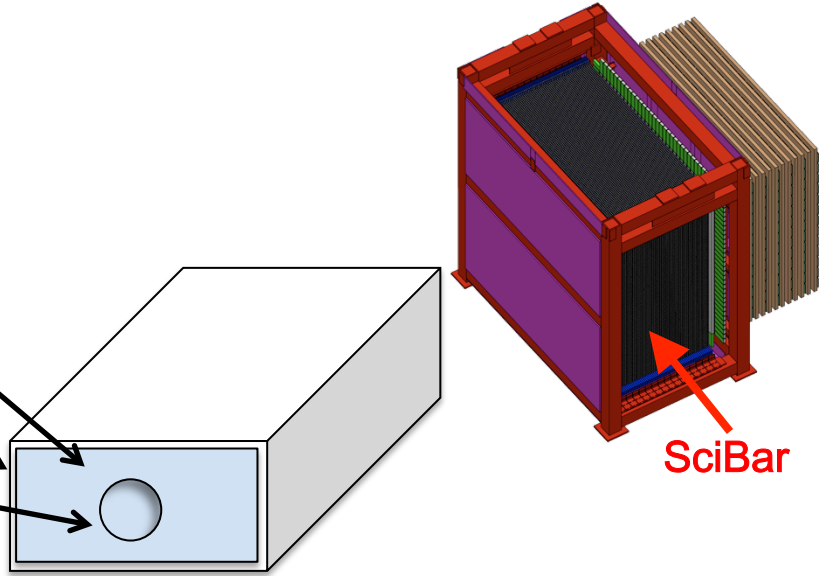
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## Extruded scintillation bar

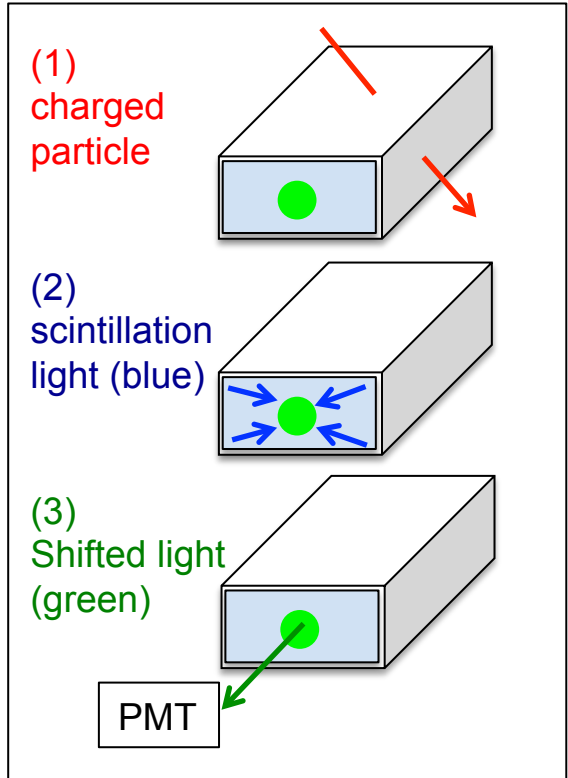
- Polystyrene (PS), 1% PPO and 0.03% POPOP
- $\text{TiO}_2$  is merged in outer layer as a reflector
- hole for WLS fiber
- ~20 p.e. for MIP particle
- K2K, MINOS, SciBooNE, MINERvA, T2K...

## Wave length shifting (WLS) fiber

- Absorb blue light, emit green light



Extruded scintillator production machine (Fermilab)

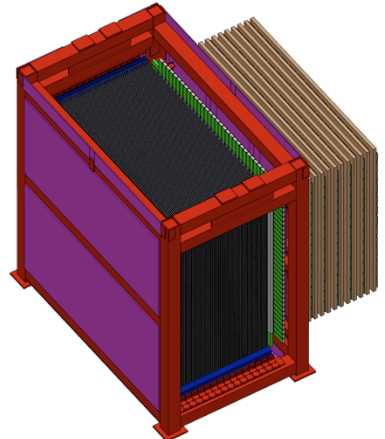




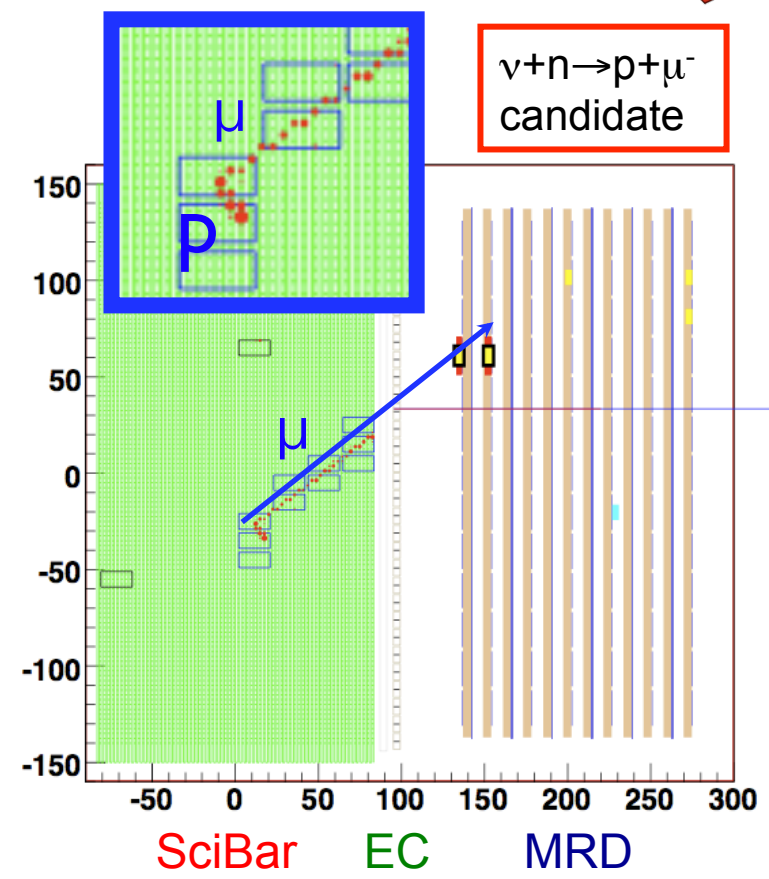
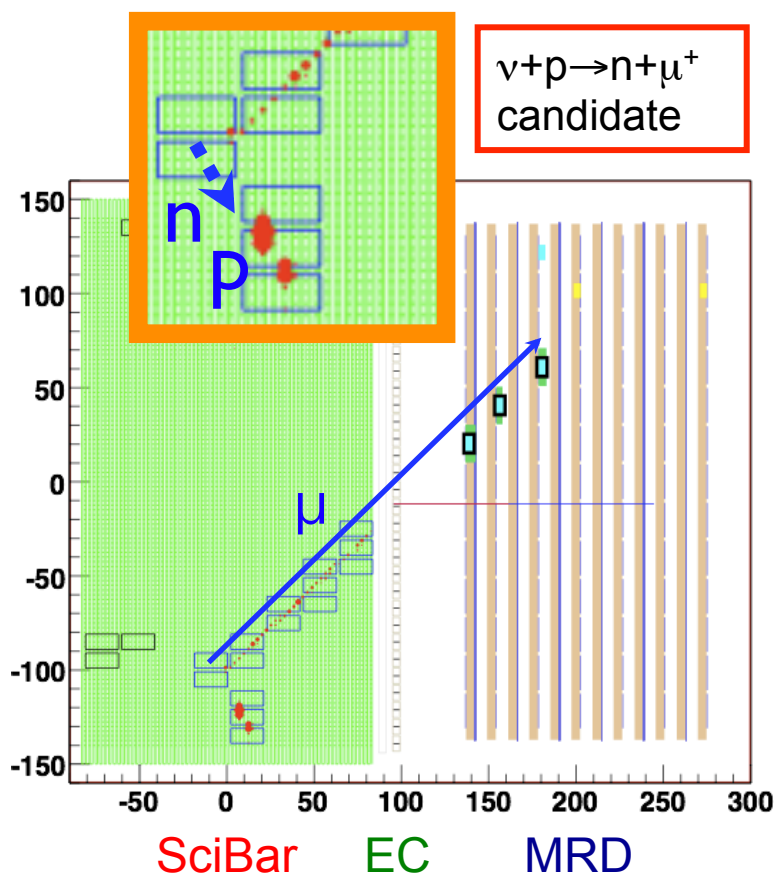


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SciBar tracking ability  
- Particle tracks are clearly seen

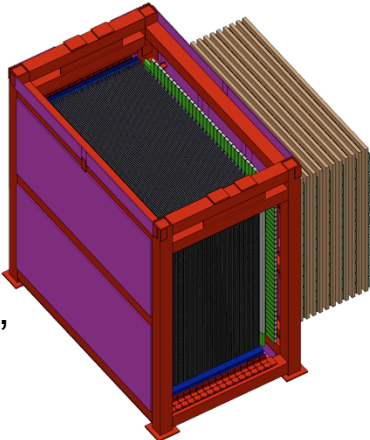


SciBooNE CCQE candidate





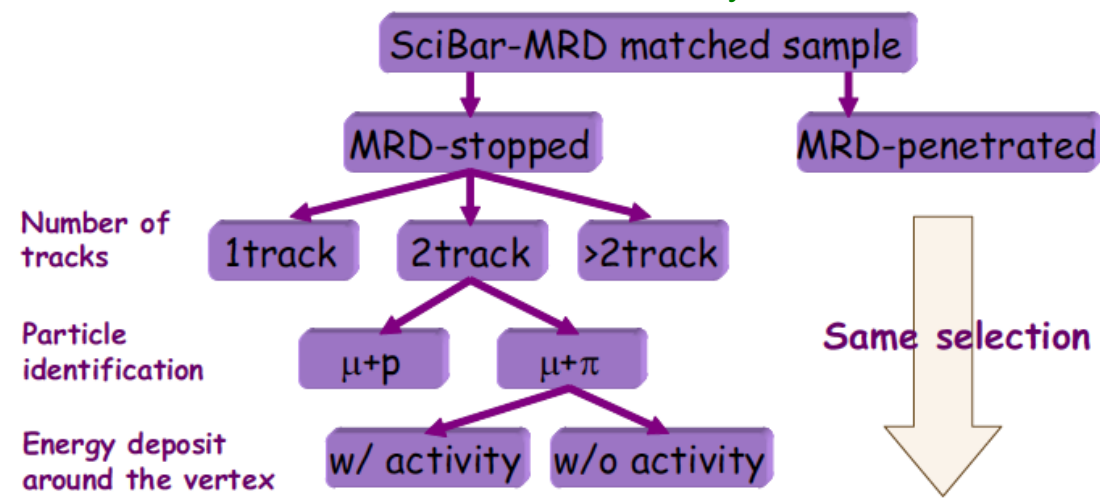
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It is extremely difficult to be right for all samples, 1 track, 2 track,  $\mu$ +p, etc...  
- Within detector systematics, cross section model errors, nuclear effect errors,  
MC is tuned to match with data

e.g.) CC1 $\pi^+$  production measurement analysis  
- 8 parameter controls total normalization, migrations, scale of some channels  
- Best fit MC is used for background subtraction

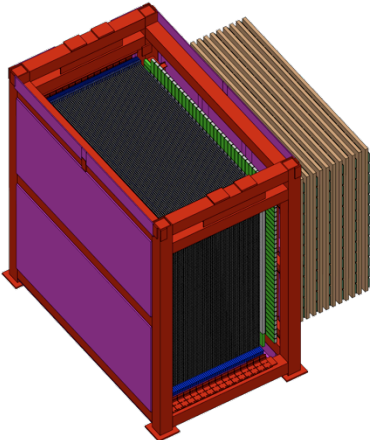
SciBooNE CC1 $\pi^+$  analysis flowchart



Best fit values

Parameter	Value	Error
$R_{\text{norm}}$	1.103	0.029
$R_{2\text{trk}/1\text{trk}}$	0.865	0.035
$R_{p/\pi}$	0.899	0.038
$R_{\text{act}}$	0.983	0.055
$R_{\text{pscale}}$	1.033	0.002
$R_{\text{res}}$	1.211	0.133
$R_{\text{other}}$	1.270	0.148
$\kappa$	1.019	0.004

### 3. SciBooNE detector



#### SciBooNE cross section model error

- Unlike MiniBooNE, cross section model errors are included

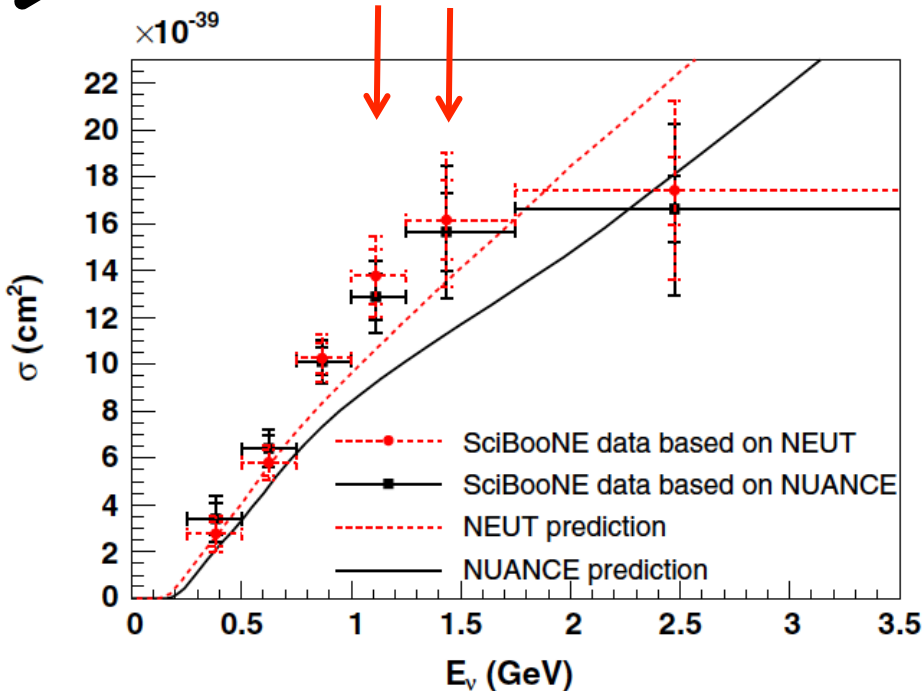
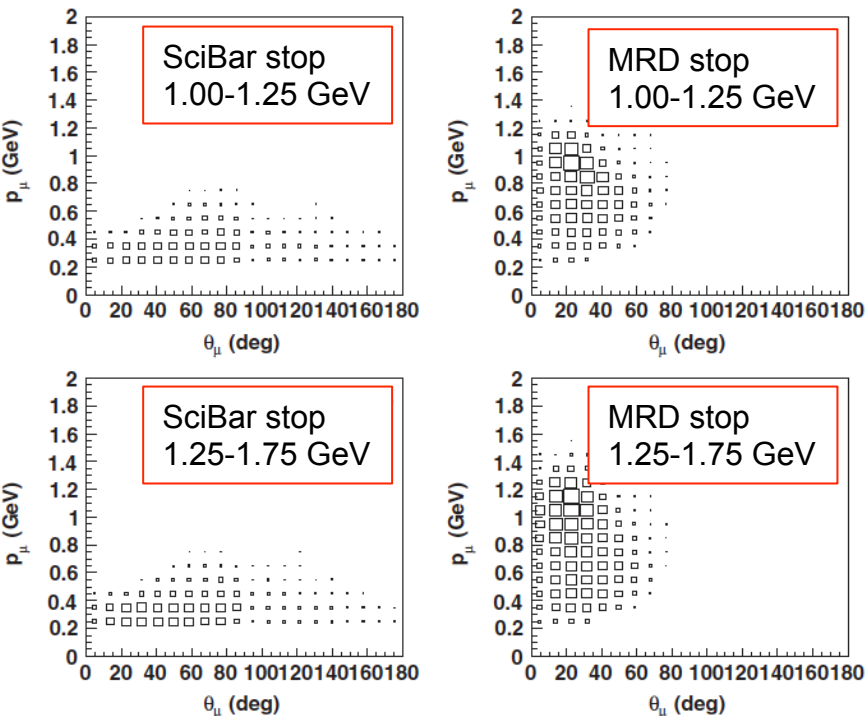
#### e.g.) CC inclusive cross section

- MC template in  $P_\mu$ - $\theta_\mu$  space is used to extract total cross section

$P_\mu$ - $\theta_\mu$  space MC template in  $E_\nu$  bin

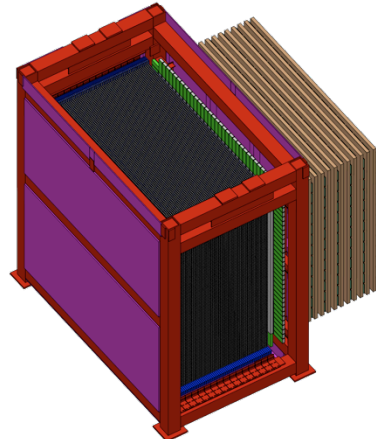


Extracted total cross section





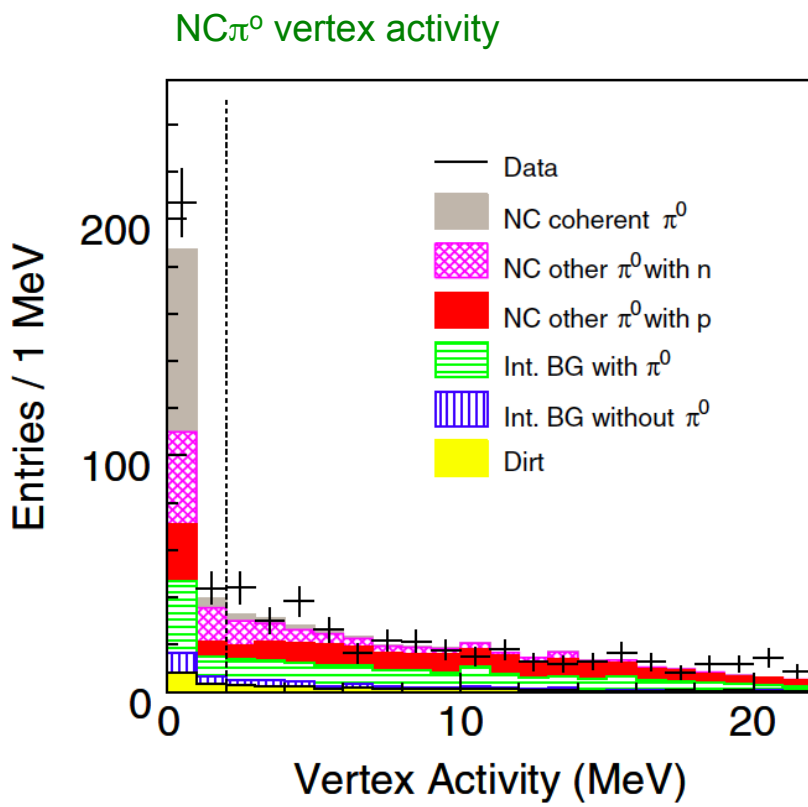
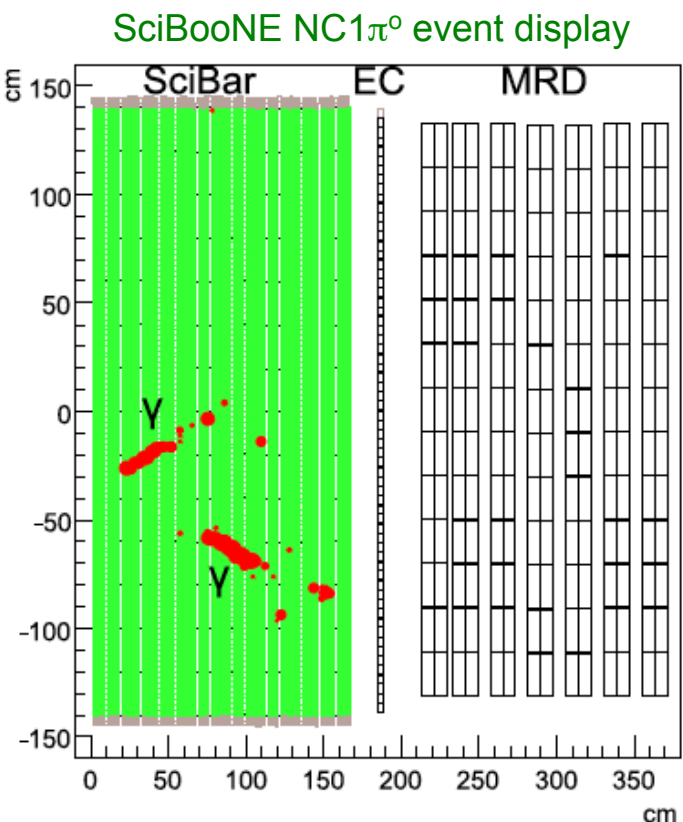
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#### Vertex activity

- Energy deposit around the vertex can be measured.
- Especially powerful to study nuclear break-up (i.e. coherent reaction)

e.g.)  $\text{NC}\pi^0$  coherent fraction measurement



## 4. Conclusion

### Flux error

- Neutrino flux prediction is the largest normalization error
- Among them, meson production model has the largest error

### MiniBooNE detector

- Detector error is in general small (except NCEL and  $CC\pi^0$ )
- FSI in the target nucleus are not source of error
- Cross section model error is applied only to background channels

### SciBooNE detector

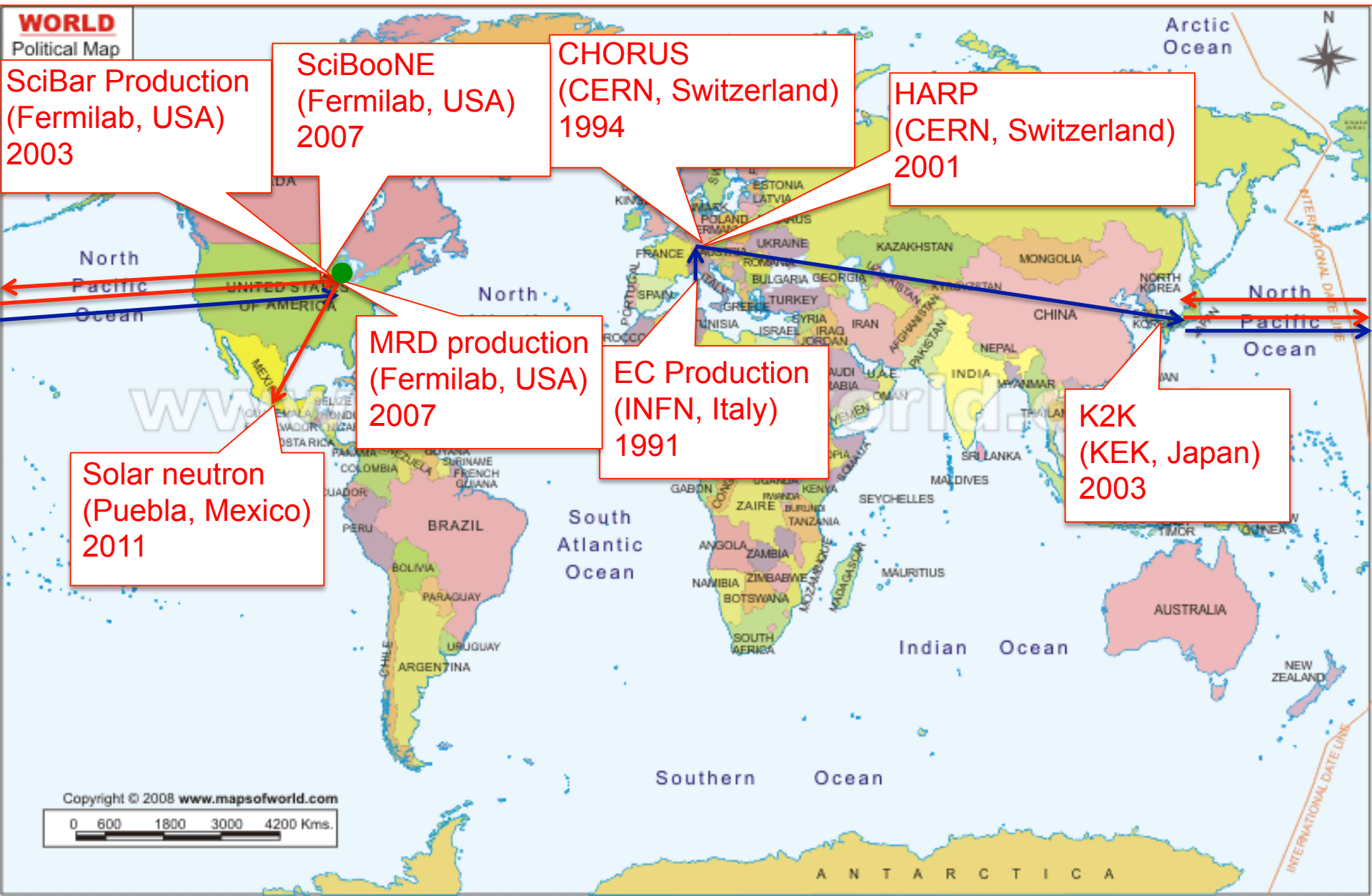
- FSI in the target nucleus is source of error
- Cross section model error is applied to signal channel
- Vertex activity is the powerful tool to study nuclear break-up

**Muito obrigado!**

# Backup

### 3. SciBooNE detector all around the world

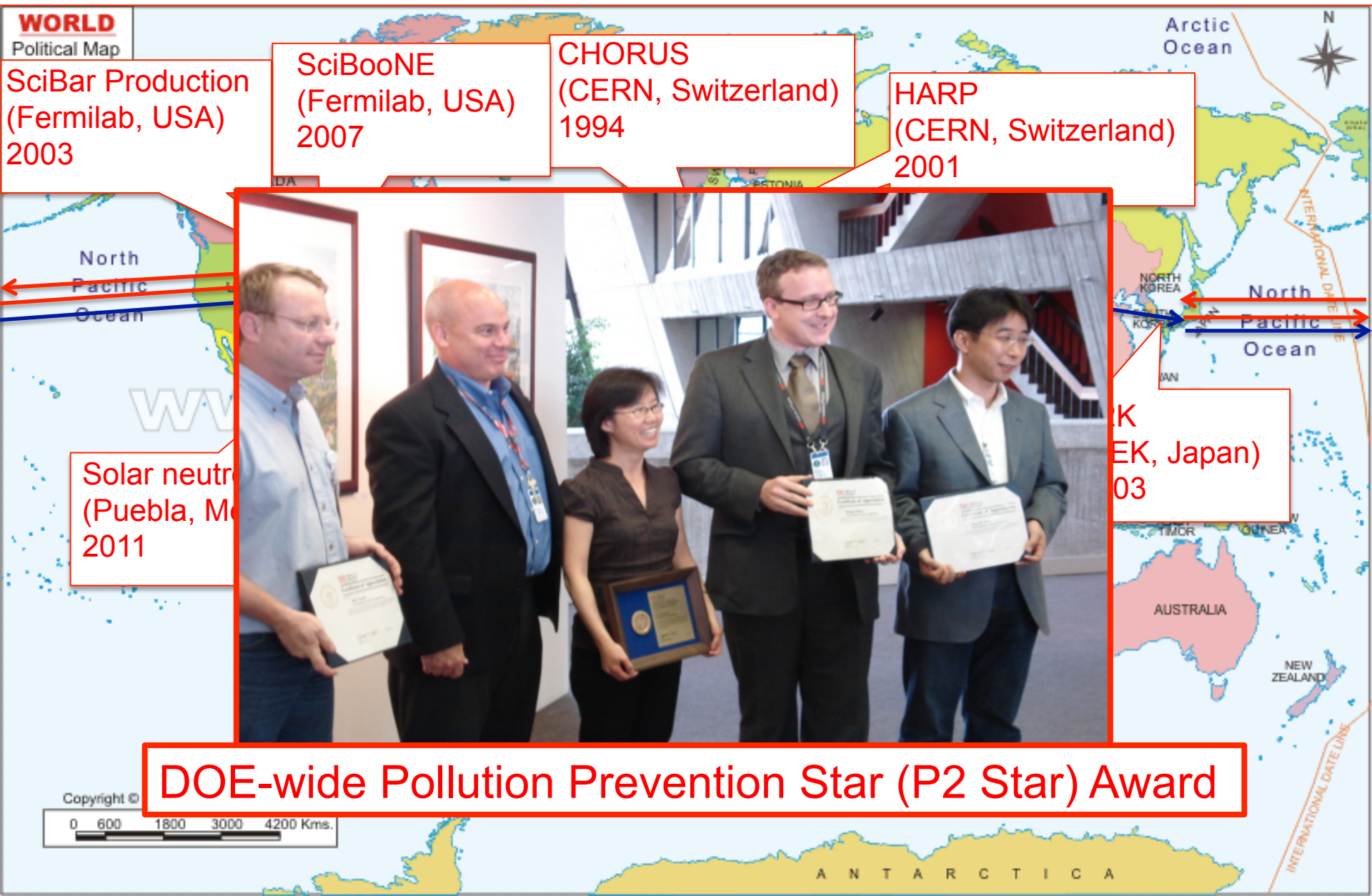
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